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The evaluation of books listed below include those recommended to resident students of the Naval War College. Officers in the fleet and elsewhere may find them of interest.

The listing herein should not be construed as an endorsement by the Naval War College; they are indicated only on the basis of interesting, timely, and possibly useful reading matter.

Many of these publications may be found in ship and station libraries. Books on the list which are not available from these sources may be obtained from one of the Navy's Auxiliary Library Service Collections. These collections of books available for loan to individual officers are maintained in the Bureau of Naval Personnel; Headquarters ELEVENTH, FOURTEENTH, FIFTEENTH Naval Districts; and Commander Naval Forces, Marianas, Guam. Requests for the loan of these books should be made by the individual to the nearest Auxiliary Library Service Collection (See Article C9604, Bureau of Naval Personnel Manual, 1948).

- Title: *Problems of Power in American Democracy.*  
239 p.
- Author: Kornhauser, Arthur. Detroit, Wayne State University Press, 1957.
- Evaluation: This work embraces five lectures and resulting discussion dealing with the problems of power in American democracy. Lecturers are prominent scholars in the fields of political and social sciences and psychology. Two participants from the Detroit community, with extensive backgrounds in the field covered by the lecturer, present their particular ideas in discussion periods. The lectures provide a superficial (due to available time), but nevertheless valuable, insight into the problems faced in realization of democratic relations at a time of unprecedented world power politics and in the light of conflicting interests and inequalities of power among individuals and organizations. Rather than attempt to arrive at solutions, the lecturers examine the problems from various vantage points in order to clarify issues.

**Title:** *The Unquiet Germans.* 275 p.

**Author:** Thayer, C. W. New York, Harper & Bros., 1957.

**Evaluation:** A diagnosis of the Germans from the rise of Hitler until today, and predictions of their future behavior. The author's views combine affection, presupposition and skepticism, and are presented with a captivating—though sometimes disconcerting—nonchalance. Based in part on the author's experience as a diplomat during both the Nazi and the postwar periods, they also include assorted conversations with political personages, average citizens, and a random sampling of youth. Although these opinions are well worth discussing, the author does not give himself a real chance to do so. There are pages from what might be his autobiography, concerned with episodes which, while not earth-shaking, lack neither interest nor a measure of candor. Sketches, more or less diverting, contrast business men and farmers, students and villagers, former Nazis and survivors of the Resistance, old and new exponents of the art of diplomacy. The remarks on the breakdown of the traditional social order, and the discussion of the problem of German youth as a means of illustrating it, will help the average American understand the confusion of attitudes that characterizes post-war Germany.

**Title:** *The Heretic.* 436 p.

**Author:** MacLean, Fitzroy. New York, Harper & Bros., 1957.

**Evaluation:** A comprehensive biography of Tito is tightly coupled with the history of the establishment of the communist government in Yugoslavia, followed by its development to the present time. Fitzroy Maclean has impartially recorded the circumstances leading to Tito's development as a communist and how Tito succeeded in organizing, establishing, and maintaining the present Yugoslav government. The reasons underlying Tito's foreign policy with respect to both the U. S. S. R. and the Western Powers are carefully and reasonably explained. Maclean has also recorded, with considerable documentation, the facts concerning the internal political struggles between Tito and such prominent Yugoslavs as Draza Mihajlovic, Cardinal Archbishop Stepinac and Milovan Djilas.

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### PERIODICALS

- Title:** *The Law of Space.*
- Author:** Aaronson, Michael.
- Publication:** FLIGHT, December 6, 1957, p. 889-890.
- Annotation:** Discusses the legal questions of territorial air space sovereignty, of rules of navigation in space, and of the discovery of planetary bodies.
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- Title:** *Communists China's Foreign Policy.*
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